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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Notes from Conversations with [REDACTED]
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1. The Communists have always predicted that in its death throes capitalism would lash out and attack the Communists. In point of fact, quite the reverse is likely to be the case, as Communism falls from internal disorders.

2. Communists talk today about the "cold, relationship of forces," which is another way of saying that they still believe in the 19th century theories of power.

a. The real danger of war today is through miscalculation or through the impact of the internal unrest within the Communist bloc.

3. While the Communists may feel inferior economically, and be inferior politically, they may feel superior politically because of their ideology.